## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 594 By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize McMinnville Chief of Police Joe Melton on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who are willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety; and

WHEREAS, Joe Melton is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-seven years with the McMinnville Police Department; and

WHERAS, Police Chief Joe Melton will be taking a much deserved retirement on March 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable tenure with the McMinnville Police Department, Joe Melton served as a Patrol Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Chief before becoming Chief of Police on April 20, 1998; and

WHEREAS, performing above and beyond the call of duty, Police Chief Melton has selflessly served to protect the citizens of the McMinnville community; and

WHEREAS, Joe Melton exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Police Chief Melton has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his fellow officers and citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to McMinnville Chief of Police Joe Melton our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.